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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.**

**District 21 (Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes new limits for campaign contributions by individuals, certain groups and campaign committees.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1   **AN ACT** concerning campaign contribution limits for individuals,  
2       certain groups and campaign committees, and amending and  
3       supplementing various parts of the statutory law.

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5       **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8       1. Section 2 of P.L.2004, c.174 (C.19:44A-7.3) is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10      2. a. No later than July 1 of each year preceding any year in  
11 which a general election is to be held to fill the office of Governor  
12 for a four-year term, the commission shall issue a report setting  
13 forth its recommendations for the adjustment of the amounts, set  
14 forth in subsection b. of this section and applicable to P.L.1973,  
15 c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.), to primary and general elections for any  
16 public office other than the office of Governor, to limitations on  
17 contributions **[to and from political committees, continuing**  
18 **political committees,]** between candidate committees, joint  
19 candidates committees, political party committees and legislative  
20 leadership committees and to other amounts, at a percentage which  
21 shall be the same as the percentage of change that the commission  
22 applies to the amounts used for the primary and general elections  
23 for the office of Governor held in the third year preceding the year  
24 in which that December 1 occurs, pursuant to section 19 of  
25 P.L.1980, c.74 (C.19:44A-7.1). Any amount so recommended for  
26 adjustment shall be rounded in the same manner as provided in that  
27 section.

28      b. The amounts to be recommended for adjustment as provided  
29 under this section shall be:

30      (1) **[the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made**  
31 **by an individual, a corporation or labor organization to a candidate,**  
32 **candidate committee or joint candidates committee, the maximum**  
33 **amount of contributions permitted to be made by a political**  
34 **committee or a continuing political committee to a candidate,**  
35 **candidate committee or joint candidates committee other than the**  
36 **committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of**  
37 **Governor and]** the maximum amount of contributions permitted to  
38 be made by one candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates  
39 committee, other than the committee of a candidate for nomination  
40 or election to the office of Governor, to another candidate,  
41 candidate committee or joint candidates committee other than the  
42 committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of  
43 Governor pursuant to section 18 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.3);

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 (2) the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made  
2 by [an individual, corporation, labor organization, political  
3 committee, continuing political committee,] a candidate committee  
4 or joint candidates committee [or any other group] to any political  
5 party committee or any legislative leadership committee pursuant to  
6 section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4); and

7 (3) the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made  
8 by a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee  
9 to a political committee or a continuing political committee and the  
10 maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made by one  
11 political committee or continuing political committee to another  
12 political committee or continuing political committee pursuant to  
13 section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5).

14 c. No later than July 15 of each year preceding any year in  
15 which a general election is to be held to fill the office of Governor  
16 for a four-year term, the commission shall transmit a copy of its  
17 report to each member of the Legislature and make public its  
18 recommended adjustment of limits pursuant to this section. The  
19 Legislature shall have the option of adopting all or part of the  
20 recommended adjustments by the passage of appropriate legislation.  
21 (cf: P.L.2004, c.174, s.2)

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23 2. (New section) a. Not later than December 1 of each year  
24 preceding any year in which a general election is to be held to fill  
25 the office of Governor for a four-year term, the Election Law  
26 Enforcement Commission shall adjust the amounts, set forth in  
27 subsection b. of this section, which shall be applicable under  
28 P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.) to primary and general  
29 elections for any public office other than the office of Governor at a  
30 percentage which shall be the same as the rate of annual percentage  
31 increase over four years, rounded to the nearest half-percent, in the  
32 Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases  
33 of Goods and Services, computed and published quarterly by the  
34 United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic  
35 Analysis, based upon the average of the annual increase therein at  
36 the fourth quarter which occurred in the next preceding local fiscal  
37 year for the preceding four years.

38 b. The amounts subject to adjustment as provided under this  
39 section shall be:

40 (1) the maximum total amount of contributions permitted to be  
41 made by an individual, a corporation or labor organization to a  
42 candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee, the  
43 maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made by a  
44 political committee or a continuing political committee to a  
45 candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee other  
46 than the committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the  
47 office of Governor;

1 (2) the maximum total amount of contributions permitted to be  
2 made by an individual, corporation, labor organization, political  
3 committee, continuing political committee, or any other group to  
4 any other political committee or continuing political committee, or  
5 any political party committee or legislative leadership committee  
6 pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4).

7 c. Not later than December 15 of each year preceding any year  
8 in which a general election is to be held to fill the office of  
9 Governor for a four-year term, the commission shall report to the  
10 Legislature and make public its adjustment of limits in accordance  
11 with the provisions of this section. Whenever, following the  
12 transmittal of that report, the commission shall have notice that a  
13 person has declared as a candidate for nomination for election or for  
14 election to any public office in a forthcoming primary or general  
15 election, it shall promptly notify that candidate of the amounts of  
16 those adjusted limits.

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18 3. Section 18 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.3) is amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 18. a. No individual, other than an individual who is a candidate,  
21 no corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the  
22 laws of this State or any other state or any country other than the  
23 United States, no labor organization of any kind which exists or is  
24 constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective  
25 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,  
26 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or  
27 protection in connection with employment, no political committee,  
28 no continuing political committee, or any group shall: (1) pay or  
29 make any **[contribution]** contributions of money or other thing of  
30 value to **[a candidate]** candidates who **[has]** have established only  
31 a candidate committee, **[his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign**  
32 **treasurer or candidate committee]** which in the aggregate **[exceeds**  
33 **\$2,600 per election]** exceed \$15,000 per year for all candidates, or  
34 (2) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value  
35 to candidates who have established only **[a]** joint candidates  
36 **[committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or**  
37 **joint candidates committee]** committees, which in the aggregate  
38 **[exceeds \$2,600 per election per candidate]** exceed \$15,000 per  
39 year for all candidates, or (3) pay or make any contribution of  
40 money or other thing of value to **[a candidate]** candidates who  
41 **[has]** have established both a candidate committee and a joint  
42 candidates committee, **[the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign**  
43 **treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates committee]**  
44 which in the aggregate **[exceeds \$2,600 per election]** exceed  
45 \$15,000 per year for all candidates. No **[candidate]** candidates who  
46 **[has]** have established only a candidate committee **[, his campaign**

1 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee] shall  
2 knowingly accept from an individual, other than an individual who  
3 is a candidate, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated  
4 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other  
5 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists  
6 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective  
7 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,  
8 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or  
9 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a  
10 continuing political committee or any group any [contribution]  
11 contributions of money or other thing of value which in the  
12 aggregate [exceeds \$2,600 per election] exceed \$15,000 per year  
13 for all candidates, and no candidates who have established only [a]  
14 joint candidates [committee, or their campaign treasurer, deputy  
15 campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee,] committees  
16 shall knowingly accept from any such source any [contribution]  
17 contributions of money or other thing of value which in the  
18 aggregate [exceeds \$2,600 per election per candidate] exceed  
19 \$15,000 per year for all candidates, and no [candidate] candidates  
20 who [has] have established both a candidate committee and a joint  
21 candidates [committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign  
22 treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates committee]  
23 committees, shall knowingly accept from any such source any  
24 [contribution] contributions of money or other thing of value which  
25 in the aggregate [exceeds \$2,600 per election] exceed \$15,000 per  
26 year for all candidates.

27 b. [(1) No political committee or continuing political committee  
28 shall: (a) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of  
29 value to a candidate who has established only a candidate  
30 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or  
31 candidate committee, other than a candidate for nomination for  
32 election or for election for the office of Governor, which in the  
33 aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, or (b) pay or make any  
34 contribution of money or other thing of value to candidates who  
35 have established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign  
36 treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer, or the joint candidates  
37 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election per  
38 candidate, or (c) pay or make any contribution of money or other  
39 thing of value to a candidate who has established both a candidate  
40 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign  
41 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or  
42 joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200  
43 per election. No candidate who has established only a candidate  
44 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or  
45 candidate committee, other than a candidate for nomination for  
46 election or for election for the office of Governor, shall knowingly

1 accept from any political committee or continuing political  
2 committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which  
3 in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, and no candidates who  
4 have established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign  
5 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee,  
6 shall knowingly accept from any such source any contribution of  
7 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds  
8 \$8,200 per election per candidate, and no candidate who has  
9 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates  
10 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or  
11 candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall knowingly  
12 accept from any such source any contribution of money or other  
13 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election.

14 (2) The limitation upon the knowing acceptance by a candidate,  
15 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate  
16 committee or joint candidates committee of any contribution of  
17 money or other thing of value from a political committee or  
18 continuing political committee under the provisions of paragraph  
19 (1) of this subsection shall also be applicable to the knowing  
20 acceptance of any such contribution from] Notwithstanding the  
21 provisions of subsection a. of this section, the county committee of  
22 a political party [by] shall be permitted to make contributions of  
23 \$8,200 per year in the aggregate to a candidate or the campaign  
24 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate committee or joint  
25 candidates committee of a candidate for any elective public office  
26 in another county or, in the case of a candidate for nomination for  
27 election or for election to the office of member of the Legislature,  
28 in a legislative district in which, according to the federal decennial  
29 census upon the basis of which legislative districts shall have been  
30 established, less than 20% of the population resides within the  
31 county of that county committee. In addition, all contributor  
32 reporting requirements and other restrictions and regulations  
33 applicable to a contribution of money or other thing of value by a  
34 political committee or continuing political committee under the  
35 provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et al.) shall likewise be  
36 applicable to the making or payment of such a contribution by such  
37 a county committee.

38 [The limitation upon the knowing acceptance by a candidate,  
39 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate  
40 committee or joint candidates committee of any contribution of  
41 money or other thing of value from a political committee or  
42 continuing political committee under the provisions of paragraph  
43 (1) of this subsection, except that the amount of any contribution of  
44 money or other thing of value shall be in an amount which in the  
45 aggregate does not exceed \$25,000, shall also be applicable to the  
46 knowing acceptance of any such contribution from]  
47 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this section, the

1 county committee of a political party **【by】** shall be permitted to  
2 make contributions of \$25,000 per year in the aggregate to a  
3 candidate, or the campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer,  
4 candidate committee or joint candidates committee of a candidate,  
5 for nomination for election or for election to the office of member  
6 of the Legislature in a legislative district in which, according to the  
7 federal decennial census upon the basis of which legislative districts  
8 shall have been established, at least 20% but less than 40% of the  
9 population resides within the county of that county committee. In  
10 addition, all contributor reporting requirements and other  
11 restrictions and regulations applicable to a contribution of money or  
12 other thing of value by a political committee or continuing political  
13 committee under the provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et  
14 al.) shall likewise be applicable to the making or payment of such a  
15 contribution by such a county committee.

16 With respect to the limitations in this paragraph, the Legislature  
17 finds and declares that:

18 (a) Persons making contributions to the county committee of a  
19 political party have a right to expect that their money will be used,  
20 for the most part, to support candidates for elective office who will  
21 most directly represent the interest of that county;

22 (b) The practice of allowing a county committee to use funds  
23 raised with this expectation to make unlimited contributions to  
24 candidates for the Legislature who may have a limited, or even  
25 nonexistent, connection with that county serves to undermine public  
26 confidence in the integrity of the electoral process;

27 (c) Furthermore, the risk of actual or perceived corruption is  
28 raised by the potential for contributors to circumvent limits on  
29 contributions to candidates by **【funnelling】** funneling money to  
30 candidates through county committees;

31 (d) The State has a compelling interest in preventing the  
32 actuality or appearance of corruption and in protecting public  
33 confidence in democratic institutions by limiting amounts which a  
34 county committee may contribute to legislative candidates whose  
35 districts are not located in close proximity to that county; and

36 (e) It is, therefore, reasonable for the State to promote this  
37 compelling interest by limiting the amount a county committee may  
38 give to a legislative candidate based upon the degree to which the  
39 population of the legislative district overlaps with the population of  
40 that county.

41 c. (1) No candidate who has established only a candidate  
42 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate  
43 committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution of money or other  
44 thing of value to another candidate who has established only a  
45 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign  
46 treasurer or candidate committee, other than a candidate for  
47 nomination for election or for election for the office of Governor,

1    which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, or (b) pay or  
2    make any contribution of money or other thing of value to  
3    candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,  
4    their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint  
5    candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per  
6    election per candidate in the recipient committee, or (c) pay or  
7    make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a  
8    candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a  
9    joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy  
10   campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates  
11   committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election. No  
12   candidate who has established only a candidate committee, his  
13   campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate  
14   committee, other than a candidate for nomination for election or for  
15   election to the office of the Governor, shall knowingly accept from  
16   another candidate who has established only a candidate committee,  
17   his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate  
18   committee, any contribution of money or other thing of value which  
19   in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, and no candidates who  
20   have established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign  
21   treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee,  
22   shall knowingly accept from any such source any contribution of  
23   money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds  
24   \$8,200 per election per candidate in the recipient committee, and no  
25   candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a  
26   joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy  
27   campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates  
28   committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source any  
29   contribution of money or other thing of value which in the  
30   aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election.

31       (2) No candidates who have established only a joint candidates  
32   committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or  
33   joint candidates committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution  
34   of money or other thing of value to another candidate who has  
35   established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,  
36   deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a  
37   candidate for nomination for election or for election for the office  
38   of Governor, which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each  
39   candidate in the contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per  
40   election, or (b) pay or make any contribution of money or other  
41   thing of value to candidates who have established only a joint  
42   candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign  
43   treasurer or joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate  
44   exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the contributing joint  
45   candidates committee, \$8,200 per election per candidate in the  
46   recipient joint candidates committee, or (c) pay or make any  
47   contribution of money or other thing of value to a candidate who



1 has established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates  
2 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers or  
3 candidate committee or joint candidates committee, which in the  
4 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the  
5 contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per election. No  
6 candidate who has established only a candidate committee, his  
7 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or candidate  
8 committee, other than a candidate for nomination for election or for  
9 election for the office of Governor, shall knowingly accept from  
10 other candidates who have established only a joint candidates  
11 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or  
12 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other  
13 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each  
14 candidate in the contributing committee, \$8,200 per election, and no  
15 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,  
16 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint  
17 candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source  
18 any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the  
19 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the  
20 contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per election per  
21 candidate in the recipient joint candidates committee, and no  
22 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a  
23 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy  
24 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates  
25 committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source any  
26 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the  
27 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the  
28 contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per election.

29 (3) No candidate who has established both a candidate  
30 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign  
31 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or  
32 joint candidates committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution  
33 of money or other thing of value to another candidate who has  
34 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,  
35 deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a  
36 candidate for nomination for election or for election for the office  
37 of Governor, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, or  
38 (b) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value  
39 to candidates who have established only a joint candidates  
40 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or  
41 joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200  
42 per election per candidate in the recipient joint candidates  
43 committee, or (c) pay or make any contribution of money or other  
44 thing of value to a candidate who has established both a candidate  
45 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign  
46 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or  
47 joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200

1 per election. No candidate who has established only a candidate  
2 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or  
3 candidate committee, other than a candidate for nomination for  
4 election or for election for the office of Governor, shall knowingly  
5 accept from a candidate who has established both a candidate  
6 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign  
7 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or  
8 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other  
9 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election,  
10 and no candidates who have established only a joint candidates  
11 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or  
12 joint candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from any such  
13 source any contribution of money or other thing of value which in  
14 the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election per candidate in the  
15 recipient joint candidates committee, and no candidate who has  
16 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates  
17 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or  
18 candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall knowingly  
19 accept from any such source any contribution of money or other  
20 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election.

21 (4) Expenditures by a candidate for nomination for election or  
22 for election to the office of member of the Legislature or to an  
23 office of a political subdivision of the State, or by the campaign  
24 treasurer, deputy treasurer, candidate committee or joint candidates  
25 committee of such a candidate, which are made in furtherance of the  
26 nomination or election, respectively, of another candidate for the  
27 same office in the same legislative district or the same political  
28 subdivision shall not be construed to be subject to any limitation  
29 under this subsection; for the purposes of this sentence, the offices  
30 of member of the State Senate and member of the General  
31 Assembly shall be deemed to be the same office.

32 d. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to  
33 impose any limitation on contributions by a candidate, or by a  
34 corporation, 100% of the stock in which is owned by a candidate or  
35 the candidate's spouse, child, parent or sibling residing in the same  
36 household, to that candidate's campaign.

37 e. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution  
38 to be attributed as given to or by each candidate in a joint  
39 candidates committee, the amount of the contribution to or by such  
40 a committee shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the  
41 committee.

42 (cf: P.L.2004, c.174, s.3)

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44 4. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to  
45 read as follows:

46 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this  
47 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and

1 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any  
2 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any  
3 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in  
4 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers  
5 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or  
6 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,  
7 no political committee, continuing political committee, [candidate  
8 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group,] shall  
9 pay or make any [contribution] contributions of money or other  
10 thing of value to [the campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or other  
11 representative of] the State [committee] committees of [a]  
12 political [party] parties, the county committees of political parties,  
13 the municipal committee of political parties or [the campaign  
14 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of] any  
15 legislative leadership [committee] committees, political  
16 committees or continuing political committees, which in the  
17 aggregate [exceeds \$25,000] exceed \$50,000 per year[, or in the  
18 case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only  
19 committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per  
20 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a  
21 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both  
22 are established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that  
23 candidate] in total to all such entities. No [campaign treasurer,  
24 deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the] State  
25 [committee] committees of [a] political [party] parties, county  
26 committees of political parties, municipal committees of political  
27 parties or [campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other  
28 representative of] any legislative leadership [committee]  
29 committees, political committees or continuing political committees  
30 shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of any  
31 kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any  
32 other state or any country other than the United States, a labor  
33 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the  
34 purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing  
35 with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of  
36 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with  
37 employment, a political committee, a continuing political  
38 committee [, a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee  
39 or any other group], any [contribution] contributions of money or  
40 other thing of value which in the aggregate [exceeds \$25,000]  
41 exceed \$50,000 per year [, or in the case of a joint candidates  
42 committee when that is the only committee established by the  
43 candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates  
44 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint

1 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,  
2 \$25,000 per year from that candidate】 in total to all such entities.

3 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make  
4 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign  
5 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State  
6 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds  
7 \$72,000 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign  
8 treasurer or other representative of the State committee of a  
9 political party shall knowingly accept from the national committee  
10 of a political party any contribution of money or other thing of  
11 value which in the aggregate exceeds \$72,000 per year.

12 b. 【No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and  
13 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any  
14 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any  
15 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in  
16 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers  
17 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or  
18 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,  
19 no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate  
20 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group, shall  
21 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to  
22 any county committee of a political party, which in the aggregate  
23 exceeds \$37,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates  
24 committee when that is the only committee established by the  
25 candidates, \$37,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates  
26 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint  
27 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,  
28 \$37,000 per year from that candidate. No campaign treasurer,  
29 deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of a county  
30 committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from an  
31 individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated  
32 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other  
33 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists  
34 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective  
35 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,  
36 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or  
37 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a  
38 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint  
39 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of  
40 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds  
41 \$37,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee  
42 when that is the only committee established by the candidates,  
43 \$37,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or  
44 in the case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates  
45 committee when both are established by a candidate, \$37,000 per  
46 year from that candidate.】 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. \_\_, c. \_\_).  
47 (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

1       c. [No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and  
2 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any  
3 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any  
4 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in  
5 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers  
6 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or  
7 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,  
8 no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate  
9 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group shall  
10 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to  
11 any municipal committee of a political party, which in the aggregate  
12 exceeds \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates  
13 committee when that is the only committee established by the  
14 candidates, \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint candidates  
15 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint  
16 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,  
17 \$7,200 per year from that candidate. No campaign treasurer, deputy  
18 campaign treasurer or other representative of a municipal committee  
19 of a political party shall knowingly accept from an individual, a  
20 corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws  
21 of this State or any other state or any country other than the United  
22 States, a labor organization of any kind which exists or is  
23 constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective  
24 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,  
25 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or  
26 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a  
27 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint  
28 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of  
29 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds  
30 \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when  
31 that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$7,200 per  
32 year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case  
33 of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when  
34 both are established by a candidate, \$7,200 per year from that  
35 candidate.

36       No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay  
37 or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a  
38 municipal committee of a political party in a municipality not  
39 located in that county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of  
40 aggregate contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing  
41 political committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal  
42 committee of a political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy  
43 campaign treasurer or other representative of a municipal committee  
44 of a political party in any municipality shall knowingly accept from  
45 any county committee of a political party in any county other than  
46 the county in which the municipality is located any contribution of  
47 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds the

1 amount of contributions permitted to be so paid or made under that  
2 subsection.】 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_). (pending  
3 before the Legislature as this bill)

4 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution  
5 to be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates  
6 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee  
7 shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.  
8 (cf: P.L.2004, c.174, s.4)  
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10 5. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate  
13 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate  
14 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other  
15 thing of value to a political committee, other than a political  
16 committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the  
17 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or a  
18 continuing political committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in  
19 the case of such a political committee, \$7,200 per election, or in the  
20 case of a continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year, and no  
21 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,  
22 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint  
23 candidates committee shall pay or make any contribution of money  
24 or other thing of value to such a political committee or continuing  
25 political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of  
26 such a political committee, \$7,200 per election per candidate in the  
27 joint candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political  
28 committee, \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint candidates  
29 committee, and no candidate who has established both a candidate  
30 committee and a joint candidates committee shall pay or make any  
31 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the  
32 aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, \$7,200  
33 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a continuing  
34 political committee, \$7,200 per year from that candidate. No  
35 political committee, other than a political committee which is  
36 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a  
37 public question in any election, or a continuing political committee,  
38 shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a  
39 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or  
40 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of  
41 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political  
42 committee, \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a continuing  
43 political committee, \$7,200 per year, and no such political  
44 committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly accept  
45 from candidates who have established only a joint candidates  
46 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or  
47 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other

1 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a  
2 political committee, \$7,200 per election per candidate in the joint  
3 candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political  
4 committee, \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint candidates  
5 committee, and no such political committee or continuing political  
6 committee shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has  
7 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates  
8 committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which  
9 in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,  
10 \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a  
11 continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year from that candidate.  
12 For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to be  
13 attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates  
14 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee  
15 shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

16 b. [No political committee, other than a political committee  
17 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat  
18 of a public question in any election, and no continuing political  
19 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other  
20 thing of value to another political committee, other than a political  
21 committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the  
22 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or another  
23 continuing political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in  
24 the case of a recipient continuing political committee, \$7,200 per  
25 year, or in the case of a recipient political committee, \$7,200 per  
26 election. No political committee, other than a political committee  
27 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat  
28 of a public question in any election, and no continuing political  
29 committee shall knowingly accept from another political committee,  
30 other than a political committee which is organized to, or does, aid  
31 or promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any  
32 election, or another continuing political committee any contribution  
33 of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in  
34 the case of a recipient continuing political committee, \$7,200 per  
35 year, or in the case of a recipient political committee, \$7,200 per  
36 election.] (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c. ) (pending before  
37 the Legislature as this bill)

38 c. [No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and  
39 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any  
40 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any  
41 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in  
42 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees  
43 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or  
44 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,  
45 nor any other group, shall pay or make any contribution of money  
46 or other thing of value to a political committee, other than a  
47 political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote

1 the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or a  
2 continuing political committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in  
3 the case of such a political committee, \$7,200 per election, or in the  
4 case of a continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year, and no  
5 such political committee or continuing political committee shall  
6 knowingly accept any contribution in excess of those amounts from  
7 an individual or from such corporation, labor organization, or other  
8 group. 】 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c. ) (pending before the  
9 Legislature as this bill)  
10 (cf: P.L.2001, c.384, s.3)  
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12 6. (New section) a. In furtherance of the public policy expressed  
13 in section 2 of P.L.1974, c.26 (C.19:44A-27), whenever a “qualified  
14 candidate,” as defined by section 19:25-15.3 of the New Jersey  
15 Administrative Code, is opposed by a “non-participating  
16 candidate,” as defined by the same section of the code, and that  
17 “non-participating candidate” receives contributions or makes  
18 expenditures in an amount sufficient to become a “qualified  
19 candidate” but fails to qualify by September 1 of the year in which  
20 candidates for the office of Governor will appear on the ballot, there  
21 shall be no limitation as to the amount of contributions received by  
22 a “qualified candidate” which are eligible for match and the  
23 limitation as to the maximum amount that any “qualified candidate”  
24 may spend in aid of his or her candidacy shall be equal to the  
25 amount of monies appropriated by the Legislature pursuant to  
26 section 5 of P.L.1974, c.26 (C.19:44A-30).

27 b. The Election Law Enforcement Commission shall adopt such  
28 rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to implement this  
29 section.  
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31 7. This act shall take effect on January 1 following the date of  
32 enactment.  
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#### 35 STATEMENT

36

37 This bill establishes new limits for campaign contributions by  
38 individuals, certain groups and campaign committees.

39 Specifically, the bill:

40 1) bans each individual, corporation, union, political committee  
41 and continuing political committee from making contributions to  
42 candidate committees or joint candidates committees that exceed  
43 \$15,000 per year in total for all candidates; and

44 2) bans each individual, corporation, union, political committee  
45 and continuing political committee from making contributions to  
46 political party committees, legislative leadership committees,  
47 political committees, or continuing political committees that exceed



1   \$50,000 per year in total for all such entities. These limitations do  
2   not apply to contributions between candidates committees, joint  
3   candidate committees, political party committees or legislative  
4   leadership committees of the same political party. The bill does  
5   provide for a quadrennial adjustment of these limitation by the  
6   Election Law Enforcement Commission based on changes in the  
7   consumer price index for the area during that four-year period.  
8   The bill also provides that whenever a “qualified candidate,” for  
9   the office of Governor, as defined by current regulation, is opposed  
10   by a “non-participating candidate,” for the office of Governor, and  
11   that “non-participating candidate” receives contributions or makes  
12   expenditures in an amount sufficient to become a “qualified  
13   candidate,” entitled to receive public financing for the gubernatorial  
14   election but fails to qualify by September 1 of the year in which  
15   candidates for the office of Governor will appear on the ballot, there  
16   would be no limitation as to the amount of contributions received  
17   by a “qualified candidate” which are eligible for match and the  
18   limitation as to the maximum amount which any “qualified  
19   candidate” may spend in aid of his or her candidacy would be equal  
20   to the amount of monies appropriated by the Legislature pursuant to  
21   current law.